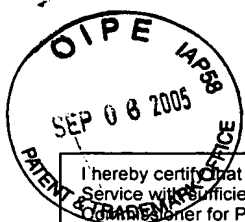


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Official Action mailed May 3, 2005, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. A petition for a three-month extension of the term for response to said Official Action, to and including September 3, 2006, is transmitted herewith.

In the Official Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-7, drawn to a method of maintaining a workpiece at a uniform temperature.
- II. Claims 8-11, drawn to a method of fabricating a workpiece holder.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-7. Applicants reserve the

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right to file a divisional application corresponding to the non-elected claims.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

Dated: September 1, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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